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Program Objective: Increase opportunities for young women to pursue undergraduate degrees in the STEM fields at U.S. women's colleges; provide women in the program a STEM Mentor and access to the STEM community through membership in the New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS), access to leadership, internship and research opportunities to build the skills and confidence needed to become the *next* leaders, problem-solvers, and innovators in their communities.

What are the requirements for applying to be a NeXXt Scholar?

- Student must be a citizen of a focus country, currently residing in and attending a focus-country high school. [Initial Focus: Countries with a predominantly Muslim population (see Table 1)]
- Students from any religious group or economic status are eligible.
- Student must apply directly to any of the 50 U.S. women's colleges (EducationUSA assistance available if desired), be accepted by the college, and major in a STEM field.
- Student should contact a regional EducationUSA Adviser to request a nomination letter for the NeXXt Scholars program. To find an email address for your regional EducationUSA Adviser: <http://educationusa.state.gov/find-a-center.cfm>

What are the benefits of this initiative?

- Five-year membership to the New York Academy of Sciences (four years during undergraduate studies + one year post-graduation)
- Individual STEM Mentor and networking opportunities provided by the NYAS
- Access to internship & research opportunities
- Incredible science, technology, engineering and math education environment with high-tech equipment and hands-on learning
- A STEM-Sister NeXXt Scholar (An entering American STEM peer is nominated by your college to also receive the NYAS benefits; to discover and navigate your STEM educations together.)
- Act as an ambassador for your country!

Table I: Focus Regions

Afghanistan	Maldives
Albania	Mali
Algeria	Mauritania
Azerbaijan	Morocco
Bahrain	Niger
Bangladesh	Nigeria
Brunei	Oman
Burkina Faso	Pakistan
Chad	Qatar
Comoros	Saudi Arabia
Djibouti	Senegal
Egypt	Sierra Leone
Gambia	Somalia
Guinea	Sudan
Indonesia	Syria
Iran	Tajikistan
Iraq	Tunisia
Jordan	Turkey
Kosovo	Turkmenistan
Kuwait	United Arab Emirates
Kyrgyzstan	Uzbekistan
Lebanon	Yemen
Libya	West Bank & Gaza Strip
Malaysia	

What are the benefits of attending a U. S. Women's College?

- Opportunity to study in a welcoming academic environment that uniquely focuses on providing resources and support for women. (It's all about YOU!)
- Access to state-of-the-art facilities that offer undergraduates hands-on investigative research opportunities with faculty members in the STEM fields
- Lasting network of global women alumnae
- Nurturing atmosphere that inspires leadership and confidence
- Many have on-campus summer research/internship opportunities offered to undergraduates!

Does the initiative offer financial aid?

Each of the women's colleges offers some financial aid (see individual college information sheets) to **qualified students** with financial need. Candidates must apply to the women's college and provide the requested documents to secure financial aid. The college will then inform the applicants of what financial aid package they can provide at the time of the acceptance decision.

What are the student's responsibilities to the program?

- Meet all college expectations and requirements for the degree program
- Fully participate in all program/initiative events
- Engage with STEM mentors on a monthly basis
- Upon return trips home, engage in outreach recruiting efforts
- Assist in recruiting new NeXXt Scholars: possibly by producing video clips and/or participating in webinars via EducationUSA; email/Skype conversations with prospective students, etc.
- Fill out a program survey each year

Where can I get more information about U.S. Women's Colleges?

Detailed information on U.S. Women's colleges is available at:

<http://www.womenscolleges.org/>

Where can I get a map of the location of Women's College in the United States?

<http://batchgeo.com/map/16c8b6b99eed38f15e2ce092b34e045e>

Where can I get more information about the NeXXt Scholars Initiative?

Email questions to nexxtscholars@state.gov

**See the following pages for profiles of some of the women's colleges
eager for your application.**

Table 2: U.S. Women's Colleges Eager for your NeXXt Scholars Application:

College/University	Website
Agnes Scott College	www.agnesscott.edu
Barnard College	www.barnard.edu
Bay Path College	www.baypath.edu
Bennett College for Women	www.bennett.edu
Brenau University	www2009.brenau.edu/home.cfm
Bryn Mawr College	www.brynmawr.edu/
Carlow University	www.carlow.edu
Cedar Crest College	www.cedarcrest.edu
Chatham University	www.chatham.edu/
College of Saint Benedict	www.csbsju.edu/
College of Saint Elizabeth	www.cse.edu
College of Saint Mary	www.csm.edu
Columbia College	www.columbiasc.edu
Converse College	www.converse.edu/
Cottey College	www.cottey.edu/
Douglass Residential College, Rutgers University	www.douglass.rutgers.edu/index.shtml
Hollins University	www.hollins.edu/
Mary Baldwin College	www.mbc.edu/
Mills College	www.mills.edu
Mount Holyoke College	www.mtholyoke.edu/index.html
Notre Dame of Maryland University	www.ndm.edu
Saint Joseph College	www.sjc.edu
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College	www.smwc.edu
Saint Mary's College	www3.saintmarys.edu/
Salem College	www.salem.edu
Scripps College	www.scrippscollege.edu/
Smith College	www.smith.edu/
Spelman College	www.spelman.edu
St. Catherine University	www.stkate.edu/
Stephens College	www.stephens.edu
Sweet Briar College	www.sbc.edu
The Women's College of the University of Denver	www.womenscollege.du.edu
Ursuline College	www.ursuline.edu
Wellesley College	web.wellesley.edu/web
Wesleyan College	www.wesleyancollege.edu
Wilson College	www.wilson.edu